

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method for providing~~[[,]]~~ a second certificate of deposit to an investor having a first ~~financial instrument~~ a second financial instrument certificate of deposit, the method comprising:

receiving, at a server of a second financial institution, funds associated with the first ~~financial instrument~~ certificate of deposit held with a first financial institution, the funds having been reduced by a penalty for closing the first ~~financial instrument~~ and are received at a second financial institution certificate of deposit;

increasing, by the second financial institution, the funds by a first amount based on the reduced funds due to the penalty; and

transferring the increased funds to ~~the~~ a second financial instrument certificate of deposit having a rate of return greater than the first certificate of deposit.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing an investor holding the second financial instrument an option to transfer the funds to a third financial instrument based on predetermined account criteria.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the predetermined account criteria comprises a predetermined period of time.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing an investor holding the second financial instrument an option to change the terms of the second financial instrument based on predetermined account criteria.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the predetermined account criteria comprises a predetermined period of time.

6. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the third financial instrument has a rate of return greater than the second financial instrument.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the second financial instrument and the third financial instrument are managed by the second financial institution.

Claim 8 (Cancelled).

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one of receiving the funds, increasing the funds, and transferring the increased funds further comprises communicating over a network.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein communicating over the network further comprises communicating with a user device on the network, the user device being located in at least one of a home, an office, a store, a retail center kiosk, and an office of a financial institution.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the penalty is an early withdraw penalty.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the penalty is an amount equal to between three and six months interest on the first financial instrument.

Claim 13 (Cancelled).

14. (Currently Amended) A system for providing[[,]] a second certificate of deposit to an investor having a first financial instrument ~~a second financial instrument~~ certificate of deposit, the system comprising:

a component for receiving, at a second financial institution, funds associated with the first financial instrument certificate of deposit held with a first financial institution, the funds having been reduced by a penalty for closing the first financial instrument ~~and are received at a second financial institution~~ certificate of deposit;

a component for increasing, by the second financial institution, the funds by a first amount based on the reduced funds due to the penalty; and

a component for transferring the increased funds to the a second financial-instrument certificate of deposit having a rate of return greater than the first certificate of deposit.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14, further comprising a component for providing an investor holding the second financial instrument an option to transfer the funds to a third financial instrument based on predetermined account criteria.

16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the predetermined account criteria comprises a predetermined period of time.

17. (Original) The system of claim 14 further comprising a component for providing an investor holding the second financial instrument an option to change the terms of the second financial instrument based on predetermined account criteria.

18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the predetermined account criteria comprises a predetermined period of time.

19. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the third financial instrument has a rate of return greater than the second financial instrument.

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein the second financial instrument and the third financial instrument are managed by the second financial institution.

Claim 21 (Cancelled).

22. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein at least one of the component for receiving the funds, the component for increasing the funds, and the component for transferring the increased funds is further configured for communicating over a network.

23. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein at least one of the component for receiving the funds, the component for increasing the funds, and the component for transferring the increased funds is further configured for communicating over a network with a user device on the network, the user device being located in at least one of a home, an office, a store, a retail center kiosk, and an office of a financial institution.

24. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the penalty is an early withdraw penalty.

25. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the penalty is an amount equal to between three and six months interest on the first financial instrument.

Claim 26 (Cancelled).

27. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium on which is stored a set of instructions for performing, when executed by a processor, a method for providing a second certificate of deposit to an investor having a first financial instrument certificate of deposit ~~a second financial instrument~~, the method comprising:

receiving, at a second financial institution, funds associated with the first financial instrument certificate of deposit held with a first financial institution, the funds having been reduced by a penalty for closing the first financial instrument and ~~are received at a second financial institution~~ certificate of deposit;

increasing, by the second financial institution, the funds by a first amount based on the reduced funds due to the penalty; and

transferring the increased funds to the a second financial instrument certificate of deposit having a rate of return greater than the first certificate of deposit.

28. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 27, wherein the method further comprising comprises providing an investor holding the second financial instrument an option to transfer the funds to a third financial instrument based on predetermined account criteria.

29. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 28, wherein the predetermined account criteria comprises a predetermined period of time.

30. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 27, wherein the method further comprising comprises providing an investor holding the second financial instrument an option to change the terms of the second financial instrument based on predetermined account criteria.

31. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 30, wherein the predetermined account criteria comprises a predetermined period of time.

32. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 28, wherein the third financial instrument has a rate of return greater than the second financial instrument.

33. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 28, wherein the second financial instrument and the third financial instrument are managed by a the second financial institution.

Claim 34 (Cancelled).

35. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 27, wherein at least one of receiving the funds, increasing the funds, and transferring the increased funds further comprises communicating over a network.

36. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 35, wherein communicating over the network further comprises communicating with a user device on the network, the user device being located in at least one of a home, an office, a store, a retail center kiosk, and an office of a financial institution.

37. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 27, wherein the penalty is an early withdraw penalty.

38. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 27, wherein the penalty is an amount equal to between three and six months interest on the first financial instrument.

Claim 39 (Cancelled).